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TAGS: BPRO, BTIO, PFOR, SU, US

SUBJECT: AUGUST 19 MEETING WITH FRANCIS DENG:

JOINT COUNCIL COOPERATION

REF: KHARTOUM 2471

1. CHARGE DREW ON GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT (STATE 203863 AND STATE 196201) IN DISCUSSING JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL WITH DENG. ON BASIS AUGUST 19 CONVERSATION APPEARS DENG SHARES OUR VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED, ALBEIT WITH SOME IDEAS OF HIS OWN.

2. CHARGE NOTED THAT USG LOOKS FAVORABLY ON DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT US-SUDAN BUSINESS COUNCIL BUT THAT NO FORMAL USG APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR SUCH AN ORGANIZATION TO BE ESTABLISHED. RECENT DISCUSSIONS HERE BY DAVID SCOTT OF ALLIS-CHALMERS WERE NOTED AND CHARGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SCOTT WAS PRESENTLY PURSUING MATTER WITHIN US BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

3. AS FOR JOINT US-GOS COMMISSION, CHARGE MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 STATE 196201. HE ALSO NOTED THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES GOS HAS ALREADY MOVED TO FOCUS COORDINATION AND FOLLOW-UP EFFORT IN ONE BODY, THE NEW COMMITTEE IN THE PRESIDENCY (SEPTELS). IN KHARTOUM, ON

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US SIDE, EMBASSY CAN SERVE SIMILAR ROLE. MOREOVER, IF A

JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL IS FORMED, IT CAN ALSO ASSIST IN COORDINATION PROCESS. CHARGE ALSO SAID THAT IT PROBABLY WAS BETTER AT THIS STAGE TO ALLOW USG ROLE TO EVOLVE NATURALLY RATHER THAN GETTING OVERLY INVOLVED IN EXTRA BUREAUCRATIC INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE, CHARGE OBSERVED THAT EXCHANGES AMONG KEY OFFICIALS IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS COULD BE IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE WAY OF ASSURING THAT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS MOVED FORWARD.

4. DENG ACCEPTED OUR POINTS AND DID NOT PRESS THE JOINT COMMISSION MATTER. HE DID, HOWEVER, STRESS VIEW THAT COORDINATION ON US SIDE WAS IMPORTANT. HE WANTS SUDAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH RELATIVELY FEW KEY OFFICIALS AND WORK WITH THEM IN IMPLEMENTING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

5. COMMENT: DENG APPRECIATES NEED TO MOVE FORWARD CAREFULLY ON JOINT COMMISSION AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS. EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, REQUEST FOR US-GOS JOINT COMMISSION MAY BE REVIVED EITHER BECAUSE SUDANESE WILL SEE GENUINE NEED FOR SUCH A COORDINATING MECHANISM OR, PERHAPS MORE LIKELY, BECAUSE NIMEIRI WILL WANT SUCH A BODY SINCE HE PROBABLY BELIEVES IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HIM POLITICALLY, AND WILL ENHANCE HIS PRESTIGE. BOGOSIAN

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